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In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the accompanying information is being submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

The documents are being submitted after a first Office Action on the merits but prior to the closing of prosecution, therefore under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), a statement is enclosed.

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The Examiner's attention is directed to copending application number 09/955,966, naming Gregory S. Andre et al as inventor(s) and filed on September 20, 2001, and the documents cited therein, a copy of which was previously disclosed.

**SECOND** Information Disclosure Statement

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To assist the Examiner, the document is listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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